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SUBJECT: MESSAGE TO RABASA FROM THE SECRETARY

REF: STATE 255682 (EXDIS)

1. PLEASE CANCEL AND DESTROY STATE 255682 (EXDIS) DATED NOVEMBER 20 AND DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM THE SECRETARY TO FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY:

2. QUOTE. DEAR EMILIO: WE ARE FOUR MONTHS AWAY FROM THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING OF FOREIGN MINISTERS. I HAVE ASKED BILL ROGERS TO UNDERTAKE OUR URGENT PREPARATIONS. BEFORE ANY MORE TIME PASSES BY, HOWEVER, I THOUGHT IT WOULD BE USEFUL THAT YOU AND I DIRECTLY EXCHANGE OUR IDEAS ON THE FOCUS OF THAT MEETING.

B. I THINK YOU WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON A FEW CONCRETE ISSUES WITHIN THE OVERALL AGENDA WHICH THE LATIN AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS FORMULATED AT BOGOTA LAST YEAR. ASSUMING PASSAGE OF THE TRADE REFORM BILL BY OUR CONGRESS, THE TOPIC OF TRADE WOULD BE A PARTICULARLY APPROPRIATE ONE. THE RESULTS OF THE TWO WORKING GROUPS ON MULTINATIONAL CORPORATIONS AND SCIENCE AND TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY SHOULD ALSO BE CONSIDERED. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY

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IS A CAREFUL REVIEW OF ESSENTIAL CHANGES IN THE ORGANIZATION OF AMERICAN STATES TO BRING IT IN LINE WITH

CURRENT REALITIES IN INTER-AMERICAN RELATIONSHIPS AND THE NEEDS OF THE GOVERNMENTS IN THE LIGHT OF THESE NEW REALITIES.

C. I WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR VIEWS ON WHAT WE SHOULD DISCUSS AT BUENOS AIRES. IN VIEW OF THE INCONCLUSIVE RESULT OF THE QUITO CONFERENCE, I WOULD ALSO LIKE TO HAVE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE CUBAN QUESTION IN THE CONTEXT OF THE BUENOS AIRES MEETING OR HOWEVER ELSE YOU THINK IT SHOULD BE ADDRESSED.

D. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. EVEN THOUGH I WILL BE TRAVELING FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS IN THE FAR EAST, YOUR RESPONSE WILL BE FORWARDED TO ME PROMPTLY. WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES, HENRY. UNQUOTE. INGERSOLL

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